

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal Six)

Docket No. RM2018-9

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued July 12, 2018)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider a change in analytical principles, filed June 26, 2018,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to each question should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than July 19, 2018.

1. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Six at 4. The Postal Service states that "[a]s previously discussed, the Postal Service has studied the ability to separate the product cost from the insurance cost for GXG, PMEI, and PMI services. The Postal Service determined that the detailed data are reliable and accurate." Please provide the following:
  - a. The "detailed data" used to separate the product cost from the insurance cost for GXG, PMEI, and PMI, and a narrative explaining the source of the data.
  - b. Supporting workpapers and a narrative demonstrating how the Postal Service will separate the product cost from the insurance cost for GXG, PMEI, and PMI.

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Six), June 26, 2018 (Petition).

- c. A narrative, with any applicable supporting documentation, explaining how the Postal Service reached its determination that the data and its methodology for the separation of the product costs from the insurance costs are reliable and accurate.
2. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Six at 5. The Postal Service states that “[a]ny indemnities that cannot be assigned using [combined origin country postal operator/Product Tracking System (PTS data)] are assigned to products in the same proportion as the indemnities for which actual data are available.” Please provide the following:
  - a. The percentage of indemnities that cannot be assigned using either standardized Universal Postal Union barcodes or combined origin country postal operator/PTS data for FY 2017 and any other years considered in the Postal Service’s study of this proposal.
  - b. A narrative explaining why these indemnities cannot be assigned to products.
  - c. A narrative describing any potential variance in the amount of these indemnities in future years.
3. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Six at 5. The Postal Service states that “[t]he distribution key appearing in the I-CS20 tab of I\_Forms-NP-FY17 in the B Workpapers directory of USPS-FY17-NP14 is expanded to include the International Inbound categories.” Please provide this expanded distribution key.
4. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY17-NP5, Word file “Part22017.doc.” Please confirm that the Postal Service intends to update this document to reflect Proposal Six. If confirmed, please provide revised “Part22017.doc” that reflects the changes proposed in the instant docket. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Chairman.

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